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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Linda Pestano

Application No.: 10/770,257

Filed: February 2, 2004

For: METHOD FOR INDUCTION OF
PROLIFERATION OF NATURAL
KILLER CELLS BY DENDRITIC
CELLS CULTURED WITH GM-
CSF AND IL-15

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 6221

Examiner: Anne Marie Sabrina Wehbe

Art Unit: 1633

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 7, 2006, which set forth the following groups of claims:

I. Group I, Claims 1-14, drawn to a dendritic cell, and a method for the formation of a dendritic cell from a dendritic precursor cell, classified in class 435, subclass 377.

II. Group II, Claims 1-6 and 15-22, drawn to a dendritic cell, and a method for activating an NK cell using a dendritic cell, classified in class 435, subclass 373.

The inventions are asserted to be distinct, each from the other because the Examiner believes that Inventions I and II are related as a process of making and a process of using the product, and further the Examiner believes that the use as claimed cannot be practiced with a materially different product. Therefore, since the Examiner does not believe that the

product is allowable, restriction asserted to be proper between the method of making and method of using. The Examiner has indicated that the product claims, claims 1-6, would be examined along with the elected invention (MPEP §806.05(i)).

Applicant elects to prosecute Group II, claims 1-6 and 15-22, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional or related application to the subject matter encompassed by any claim of a non-elected group.

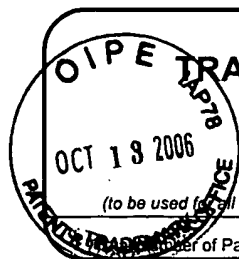
All requirements for responding to the restriction requirement are believed to have been addressed. If a telephone conference would expedite this matter, the Examiner is respectfully encouraged to contact the undersigned accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 9 October 2006

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